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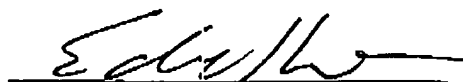
Further to the Amendment dated March 21, 2005, Claims 1 to 60 remain pending in the application, of which Claims 1, 16, 31 and 46 are independent and each has been further amended. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Although Claims 1, 16, 31 and 46 have been amended, those claims are still believed to be allowable over the applied art for substantially the same reasons as set forth in the March 21, 2005 Amendment. Specifically, none of the applied art (Theimer, Bennett and/or Davis), either alone or in any permissible combination, is seen to disclose or to suggest at least the feature of, in a case where it is determined that a device is not available for a user to obtain remote exclusive control of the device's capabilities, adding the user to a reservation queue of users requesting exclusive control of the device's capabilities, and then providing remote exclusive control of the device's capabilities to the user when the user reaches a first position within the reservation queue such that the user then requests to process a job and the requested job is added to a queue of jobs to be processed, with at least one job within the job queue, corresponding to a user other than the user who has been provided remote exclusive control of the device's capabilities, being deferred from being processed until remote exclusive control of the device's capabilities by the user who has been provided remote exclusive control is relinquished.

Thus, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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